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SUBJECT: DIEGO GARCIA PRESS COVERAGE

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1. WE PASSED SUBSTANCE REF (A) AND TEXTS OF REFS (B) (C) (D) TO CORMACK OF FCO A.M. MARCH 14. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION AND SAID THERE HAD BEEN SOME CONCERN IN FCO BASED ON REPORT OF ADMIRAL MOORER'S TESTIMONY IN MARCH 13 LONDON TIMES. FROM OUR CONVERSATION WITH CORMACK IT APPEARED THAT FCO WAS MORE CONCERNED ABOUT MOORER-CLEMENTS STATEMENTS ON \$65-75 MILLION COST OF EXPANSION THAN ABOUT POSSIBLE B-52 USE OF DIEGO GARCIA.

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2. MARCH 13 TIMES REPORT SAID ADMIRAL MOORER HAD SAID THAT "THERE ARE NO PLANS AT PRESENT TO BASE B-52'S AT DIEGO GARCIA". BUT, TIMES SAID, EXPANDED FACILITY WILL BE "A \$75 MILLION MILITARY INSTALLATION". THERE WAS NO MENTION OF DIEGO GARCIA IN MARCH 14 TIMES.

3. MARCH 14 DAILY TELEGRAPH CARRIES STORY BY ITS WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT CITING \$75 MILLION FIGURE. TELEGRAPH QUOTES PENTAGON SPOKESMAN AS SAYING THAT THE FACILITY IS BEING EXPANDED "WITH THE NOTION THAT B-52'S WILL USE THE AIRSTRIP.

4. MARCH 14 FINANCIAL TIMES (FT) HEADLINES "\$32 MILLION PLAN FOR INDIAN OCEAN BASE". FT DOES NOT MENTION B-52 ISSUE.

5. IN SUM, REPORTS APPEARING SO FAR IN UK PRESS HAVE BEEN MODERATE WITH NO REPORTS THAT B-52 AIRCRAFT ACTUALLY WOULD USE THE AIRSTRIP. ARTICLES DO NOTE THAT KC-135 AIRCRAFT WILL BE ABLE TO USE FACILITY AND HIGHLIGHT FACT THAT B-52 IS REFUELED BY KC-135.

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